(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number and details of SEZs already sanctioned;

(d) the number of farmers displaced from the above SEZs; and

(e) the details of the steps taken to rehabilitate those farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Various issues concerning the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy have been considered by the Government and it has been decided that applications for SEZs may be processed for in principle & formal approvals and notifications subject to the condition that the State Governments would not undertake any compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs. Further, it has been decided to fix the upper limit of the area required for multi product SEZs at 5000 hectares with the provision that the State Governments may prescribe a lower limit. Ministry of Rural Development has been requested to reformulate a comprehensive Land Acquisition Act to address all relevant issues and also to work out a comprehensive Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy ensuring livelihood from the project to at least one person from each displaced family.

(c) to (e) 234 valid formal approvals for setting up SEZs have been granted since the operationalisation of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 came into effect on 10th February, 2006. The total land area in the 234 valid formal approvals granted so far is approximately 33,800 hectares. In all these 234 cases, there was no fresh acquisition of land since the land was already in possession of either the State Industrial Development Corporations or the developers.

Acquisition of farmland for SEZs by industries themselves

3681. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to leave the responsibility acquiring farmlands for SEZs to the industries concerned;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise details of SEZs to be set up in the country since 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Various issues concerning the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy, including the acquisition of land, have been considered by the Government and it has been decided that the pending applications for SEZs may be processed for in principle and formal approvals and notifications subject to the condition that the State Governments would not undertake any compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs.

(c) After the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Zones Rules were operationalised with effect from 10th February, 2006,237 formal approvals have been granted of which three proposals have since been withdrawn/cancelled. Out of the 234 valid formal approvals, 101 SEZs have been notified, State-wise details of the formally approved SEZs and those notified are as follows:-

SI. No.	Name of the State/UT	Formal approvals granted	SEZs notified under. the SEZ Act, 2005
1	2	3	4
1-.	Andhra Pradesh	44	26
2.	Chandigarh	2	1
3.	Delhi	1	-
4.	Goa	4	1
5.	Gujarat	19	7
6.	Haryana	19	7
7.	Jharkhand	1	1
8.	Karnataka	27	14
9.	Kerala	10	6
10.	Madhya Pradesh	4	2
11.	Maharashtra	47	13
12.	Orissa	5	-
13.	Pudducherry	1	-

1	2	3	4
14.	Punjab	4	2
15.	Rajasthan	3	1
16.	Tamil Nadu	25	16
17.	Uttaranchal	3	-
18.	Uttar Pradesh	8	3
19.	West Bengal	7	1
	TOTAL :	234	101

Employment by the coffee sector

3682. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coffee sector provided employment to over six lakh people;

(b) if so, the details thereof, gender-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to introduce coffee in the non-traditional areas in some parts of the country, by value addition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Coffee plantations provide direct employment to about 5.78 lakh people across the country. In addition, it is estimated that equal number of workers are employed in the coffee sector indirectly. The State-wise details in this regard are as follows:

State	Persons employed (as in 2005-06) (approx.)
Karnataka	4,67,227
Kerala	43,360
Tamil Nadu	26,960
Non-Traditional Areas	40,707
TOTAL:	5,78,245